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FACT SHEET

Strategic Provincial Roads-Southern and Eastern Afghanistan (SPR-SEA)

OVERVIEW

SPR-SEA builds and rehabilitates provincial roads in Ghazni, Khost, Kunar, Nangarhar, Paktika, and Paktya provinces in the east, and Hilmand and Kandahar provinces in the south. USAID is rehabilitating approximately 159 kilometers of provincial roads to a gravel standard. USAID also conducts community outreach activities and capacity building in these areas to demonstrate that roads bring positive change and development.

Through road construction and community outreach, this project works to: 1) improve stability and security in southern and eastern Afghanistan, 2) facilitate efficient movement of goods and people, 3) increase access to government and social services, 4) decrease ethnic divisions between regions, 5) facilitate development of the agriculture sector, 6) increase local capacity for sustainable road construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance, and 7) provide employment opportunities for the people of Afghanistan.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- **Road design and construction:** Design and construct 13 all weather non-paved roads in the southern and eastern provinces using Afghan subcontractors
- **Community outreach and capacity building:** Implement community outreach and capacity building at the local, district, and provincial levels

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Constructed eight roads
- Produced road safety awareness public service announcements airing on 27 radio stations
- Awarded 126 community-based grants of \$25,000 or less, which included solar panel distribution, and embroidery and tailoring training for women programs in various provinces
- Awarded three grants between \$25,000 and \$250,000, which included the skills and literacy program for men in Paktya Province
- Awarded nine grants of more than \$250,000, which included the integrated agricultural assistance programs in Hilmand and Kandahar provinces